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Iris Brevicaulis. Small blue Iris. Zigzag flower. 10¢

Iris Fulva. Indian Red. Tall type of flower stalk. 15¢

Iris Hexagona. Blue Purple. Tall flower stalks with flowers above the leaves. 25¢

Iris Virginica. Lavender. Flowers at the same level. Begins to bloom in the middle of March. 15¢

Blue and White Hybrid 10¢.

Blue and Yellow Hybrid 10¢

Imperial, Rich Royal Purple 25¢

20 Louisiana Iris Assorted Colors (Not Labeled) \$1.00

Evangeline, Brilliant Yellow (Extremely Rare) \$1.00

Bayou Teche, Pure White (Extremely Rare) \$1.00

THE SPIDER LILLY

A Native of the Swamps and Lakes of Louisiana

The Spider Lilly is a Bulbus Plant of the Amaryllis Family. Their leaves are strap shaped and the flowers, with their segments and staymens, are borne in umbels at the top of a stout, leafless stem. Rising from the bulb in opposite pairs. The fragrant snow white flowers have a form suggestive of a spiderweb. (Protect with litter during cold weather.)

WHITE SPIDER LILLY (*Hymenocallis occidentalis*) 12 for \$1.00

RED SPIDER LILLY (*Lycoris radiata*) 12 for \$1.25

SPANISH MOSS (*Tillandsia usenoides*)

The well known wild moss found all over Louisiana. Its long strands hangs gracefully from branches of trees (especially Live Oak). Hang these plants to ROUGHBARK in the air and sprinkle when watering your plants.

SMALL 15¢ MEDIUM 25¢ LARGE \$1.00

DWARF PALMETTO (*Sabal louisiana*)

They are Grown as Tub Plant in the North, and moved outdoors in summer.

SMALL 25¢ MEDIUM 50¢ LARGE \$1.00

PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS (*Opuntia* SP) Louisiana Native. Large Types

SMALL 10¢ MEDIUM 25¢ LARGE 75¢

WILD HONEYSUCKLE (*Lonicera japonica*) Small 10¢ Med. 25¢ Large 40

GREEN DRAGON (*Muricauda draconium*)

A peculiar form of Jack-in-the-Pulpit. Curiously shaped green flower.

SMALL 10¢ Each LARGE 25¢ Each

LOUISIANA WILD BLUE VIOLETS (*Viola langloisii*)

Large Pale Blue Flowers, 3 for 25¢

YELLOW COW LILLY (*Nymphaea advena*)

A Bog Plant. His yellow flowers and green brier vine. (*Smilax hispida*)

Black Fruits 15¢ Each.

OVATE LEAVED NAMA (*Nama ovatum*)

Native Bog Plant, Small Blue Flowers. 25¢ Each.

IRON WEED (*Veronia novaboracense*)

Umbels of purple Flowers in August. 15¢ Each.

PICKEREL WEED (*Pontederia cordata*)

Bog Plant. Spikes of Blue Flowers in July. 25¢ Each.

COMMON CATTAIL (*Typha latifolia*)

Native Bog Plant, grows 6 feet tall. 25¢ Each.

BLUE-EYED-GRASS (*Sisyrinchium augustifolium*)

Deep Violet, very Effective in masses. 3 for 25¢

MARSH FLEABANE (*Pluchea petiolata*)

Umbels of White Flowers in August. 25¢ Each.

SWAMP MILKWEED (*Asclepias perennis*)

Native Bog Plant. White Flowers. 15¢ Each.

BLUE STARS (*Amsonia rigida*)

Light Blue, Star Shaped Flowers. 3 for 25¢

PLUME GRASS (*Erianthus giganteus*)

A Stout Perennial Plant. Has Long Slender Leaves and beautiful tassels. Can be used for dried bouquets. They should be gathered on a dry day.

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Just before the flowers open. And hung down in a dark room. 3 for \$1.00
 Glory Bower (*Clerodendron Fendleri*) Purple flower 2 inches across. 25¢
 Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium Aquaticum*) A fine perennial plant with
 White Flowers and spiny Bracts. Useful in borders and Rock Gardens. 25¢
 Lion's Tail (*Leonurus Cardiaca*) Stems 2 to 12 ft. high. The Flowers are
 purplish or whitish red. Can be used for dried bouquets. 3 for 25¢.

Spanish Bayonet (*Yucca Aloifolia*) Decorative tall growing tropical plant.
 Large white Flowers. Evergreen foliage. Will lend a Tropical effect to the
 garden. Small 10¢, Medium 25¢, Large 50¢.

Woodsage (*Teucrium Nashii*) Orchid-like flowers. 3 for 25¢. Seeds 10¢ pkg.

Unicorn Plant (*Martynia Probasoides*) Strange and curious seed pods.
 Seeds, 10¢ per Package.

Spleenwort Fern (*Asplenium platyneuron*) Evergreen. Prefers shade.
 3 for 25¢

Clinton Wood Fern (*Dryopteris Clintoniana*) Evergreen. Prefers rich soil
 of the woods. Grows 2 to 3 feet tall. 3 for 25¢

Lambs Quarter (*Chenopodium Alba*) Grows 10 to 15 feet tall. Variegated
 Foliage. 3 for 25¢. Seeds 10¢ per Package.

Water Mallow (*Hibiscus Sibiricus*) A small clump of Water Mallow will
 cover a large amount of ground in a few years. Has pinkish white flowers.
 3 for 50¢

Pickering Rush (*Ponderel Cordata*) Shallow water plant. Blooms all sum-
 mer. Bears spikes of purple florets. 25¢ Each.

Mullen (*Verbascum Thapsus*) This biennial plant has a straight, tall,
 stout and wooley stem. The flowers are golden yellow. 3 for 25¢. Seeds 10¢

Wild Passion Flower (*Passiflora Coerulea*) White Flowers with purple center.
 Seeds 10¢ per Package.

Sea Onion (*Urginea Maritima*) A bulbous plant of the Lilly Family. Grows
 to 3 feet, bears small white flowers. 12 for 25¢

Montbretia. A cormous plant of the Iris Family. Grass-like blades and
 Gladioli-like flowers. 6 for 25¢

Louisiana Giant Gourd Seed Mixture. 25¢ per Package.

Foreign Gourd Seed Mixture. 25¢ per Package.

Perennial Gourd Seed Mixture. 25¢ per Package.

Vegetable Gourd Seed Mixture. 25¢ per Package.

Italian Gourd Seed Mixture. 25¢ per Package.

Special Surprise Mixture. 35¢ per Package.

Wild Gourd Seed Mixture. 25¢ per Package.

Water Hyacinth (*Eichbornia Crassipes*) Floats on water. Their delicate
 spike of blossoms rival an orchid for beauty. Each floret has a yellow eye
 and dark-blue marking on one of its four petals. The roots is a refuge for
 newly spawned fish. 3 for 25¢. 12 for \$1.00

Water Feather (*Myriophyllum Proserpinacoides*) used in pools for its de-
 licate, light-green foliage. 3 for 25¢. 12 for \$1.00

Cherokee Rose (*Rosa Laevigata*) The famous Cherokee Rose wreathes,
 fences and trees in shining green. The fragrant white flowers are 3 inches
 or more across. 2 for 25¢

THE VETIVER PLANT (*Vetiveria Zizanioides*)

A native of India. Naturalized in Louisiana by early colonist as an orna-
 mental plant. Now in many localities it flourishes as a wild plant. It doesn't
 grow anywhere else in the United States. The roots of vetiver carry per-
 fume. The tiny rootlets of Vetiver give to laces and linens an indefinable
 fragrance which once enjoyed is never forgotten. Like Gree-Gree Powder.
 When crushed on a handkerchief that is frequently displayed, Vetiver is
 recommended as a lure to make men fall. Vetiver is beautiful on the lawn,
 it is a noble perennial plant with big clumps and graceful nodding spikes
 6 feet high. Almost all hotels in Louisiana use Vetiver to scent linens.

Small Plants 35¢. Medium 50¢. Large \$1.00. Dried Vetiver Root, cello-
 phane wrapped, per Pkg. 15¢, 2 for 25¢. 1/4 lb 50¢, 1/2 lb 85¢ 1 lb \$1.50

Louisiana Wild Flower Seed Mixture. 25¢ per Package.

Wild Clematis Vine (*Clematis Vinora*) Purple flowers. 20¢

Love Apples (*Solanum Aculeatiss*) They keep their contour and color for
 months. Large Plants 50¢ Each.

GUARANTEE: All plants are guaranteed to name and free from disease.
 Each shipment will be accompanied by a certificate of inspection.

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Yellow Water Iris (*Iris Pseudacorus*) 35¢

Blue Flag (*Iris Versicolor*) 35¢

Purple Water Iris (*Iris Prismatica*) 35¢

Mountain Iris (*Iris Cristata*) Native of the mountains. 50¢

Sweet Flag (*Acordus Cacus*) Iris Like Leaves 35¢

Variegated Sweet Flag (*Acorus Clamus Var*) 50¢

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

When do the Louisiana Iris start blooming?

The blooming begins as soon as the "German" Irises are faded and last until the Japanese Irises are past their prime.

How tall is the Louisiana Iris?

Height varies from twenty inches to full seven feet.

What are the colors of the Louisiana Irises?

Dr. John K. Small found more than two hundred different shades or tones of the blue purple and red in the lower Louisiana delta.

Do the foliage die down?

In cold climates the leafy growth dies down in the winter and in the hot dry climates it usually dies down in summer.

Do the Louisiana Iris require much watering?

Yes, they should be watered frequently, especially if the rain fall is scant.

What type of soil do the Louisiana Iris require?

They can be cultivated in any type of rich garden soil, provided they have a responsible amount of moisture.

When is the best time to plant the Louisiana Iris?

They may be taken from their original location any time of the year, but the best time is in June, August and September. They will not bloom the following spring unless a large ball of earth is taken with each clump.

When should the Louisiana Iris be fertilized?

A covering of rotted cow or sheep manure should be applied two or three times a year not later than the last of March.

How deep should the rhizome (or root) be planted?

They should not be planted deep. In fact the top should be barely covered with soil. Like a duck swimming on water. Half in and half out of the soil.

How far north can they be grown?

They are successfully grown as far north as Canada. In the north they should be planted in very rich soil and heavily mulched during the winter.

Should the Louisiana Iris be planted on dry land in the north?

Yes, they have trouble getting through the rigorous winters if planted in wet places in the north. But they are perfectly happy if given a drier spot.

LOUISIANA IRISES (THE INDISPENSABLE)

VINICOLOR. Raisin Purple. A first generation hybrid produ imperial. Rich royal purple. 25¢

GIGANTICARULEA. The great blue delta Iris. Plant is mucky situations. 25¢

CAROLINA. Grape juice coloring. 15¢

VIRGINICA. Lavander. An off spring of Foliosa. Fulva and hexagona. It exhibits the most beautiful foliage of any Louisiana Iris. 15¢

USNRISE. Pinkish-Red. 15¢

BREVICAILIS. The smallest species found in Louisiana. The color is a Wisteria blue, the flowers are zigzag. 10¢

WHITE ORCHID. Large white flowers. \$2.00

HEXAGONA. Blue-purple flowers. So named from the six ridged seed pod. 25¢

MATHILDA. Rose pink. With yellow veining at the throat. 10¢

POINT CLAIR. Deep Fluorite violet. Very velvety. Extra large size blooms. 15¢

ISLE LABBE. Very pale blue. On opening changing to white. 50¢

FULVA. Indian red. Tall type on flower stalk. Requires more shade than any other species. 15¢

EVANGELINE. Brilliant yellow (Extremely rare). \$1.00

FOLIOSA. Deep violet purple. 15¢

Blue and yellow Hybrid. 10¢

COTEAU HOMME. Ivory white with lemon yellow mid-rib low flower stalk (Rare). \$1.00

PATIENCE. Rich-plum purple. Pointed petals.

DOROTHY K. WILLIAMSON. From breeding work with Fulva Virgin Ica and Foliosa. This new form has been established. The flowers are velvety royal-purple which resemble an orchid. 50¢

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LOUISIANA IRIS (IRIS DELTA)

LULU. Cafe au lait coloring. 15¢

BAYOU TECHE. Tall pure white. (Extremely rare). \$1.00

LAFAYETTE. Red with plush-like substance. 25¢

INDEPENDENCE DAY. A blend of buff and pink. 15¢

CATAHOULA COVE. Purple violet. Golden throat. 15¢

LA DIGGE. Purple-lavander. 25¢

GOTHE. Verry large blue. Golden throat. 50¢

BAYOU BARATARIA. Pale China blue. 10¢

PINK PERFECTION. Tall pink. 50¢

OLD ROSE. 25¢

ETHEL. Apricot coloring. 25¢

TOTO. Wisteria violet. 10¢

CYPRESS ISLAND. Dark petunia violet. Small flower stalk. 15¢

JOSEPHINE. Large deep red (Rare). \$1.00

LA TETILE. Deep edish purple. 50¢

ELEPHANTINA. Tall ivory white (Rare). \$1.50

BAYOU DE NEIGE. Pale mauve. Tall flower stalk. 15¢

RAINBOWS END. Variegated white. Yellow adn lavender. 10¢

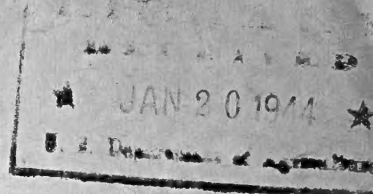
SPANISH LAKE. Lavender purple blend. 10¢

20 LOUISIANA IRIS ASSORTED COLORS (NOT LABELED) \$1.00

30 LOUISIANA IRIS SEEDLINGS MIXED \$1.00
LOUISIANA IRIS SEEDS (MIXED VARIETIES) 15¢ PKT.

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IRISES

August of Vesper Iris (Iris Dichotoma) blooms from late July to early September. The Vesper Iris blooms longer than any other Iris. Mixed colors 30¢

IRIS CRISTATA. (Crested blue Iris) Native of the mountains. 10¢ each.

Iris Kaempferi (Japanese Iris, 15 varieties mixed 15¢

Iris Sigerica. Blue 15¢ each.

Iris Germanic. 30 varieties 50¢ per 12 mixed.

Iris Ochroleuca. The golde banded Iris. 25¢ each.

Iris Reticulata. (Voilet scented) Deep purple

blossoms on 8 inch stems. Blooms in March. 10¢

Dutch Iris Bulbs. Assorted colors 20 for \$1.00

Wild purple Japanese Iris. 25¢ each.

Yellow Water Iris. (Pseudacorrus) 25¢. each

Blue Flag Iris (Versicolor) 35¢. each.

Purple Water Iris (Iris Prismatic) 35¢

Iris Foetidissima (the gaidwin Iris) lavender blue flowers. Seed pods remain on plant in winter. 30¢ each.

Iris Tectorum (the Roof Iris of Japan) blue purple flowers. Dwarf flower stalks 25¢ each.

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IN AN IRIS GARDEN

I walked among the Iris beds
When they were in full flower,
Their perfect form and substance rare
Gave me a thought-filled hour.

I wondered where the Artist
Obtained His color scheme
Until I noticed each had ben
Part of the cosmic theme.

That azure blue could only be
A bit of summer sky,
While such a white came from a cloud
That slowly drifted by.

The pink one was a sunrise
That welcomed early morn
And when He took some noon-day sun
The yellow one was born.

That red came from the glowing west
As twilight shadows fell,
The dark one was a starry night
When a full moon cast its spell.

Such tones and textures I beheld
And each of perfect hue,
'Twas then I knew that God must be
An Iris-lover too!

—Helen Bath Swanson

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